



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Special City Council Meeting Advisory Board/Commission Applicant Interviews

April 8, 2014

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 5:40 p.m. in the Babcock Room.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Suzanne Sandahl; Edwina Garcia; Pat Elliott; and Tom Fitzhenry.

### INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS

The City Council conducted an interview of the following applicants for appointment to a City Advisory Board and Commission:

Joannette Cintron de Nunez  
Christina Meyer

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:55 p.m.

Date Approved: April 22, 2014.

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Debbie Goettel  
Mayor

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Cheryl Krumholz  
Executive Coordinator

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Steven L. Devich  
City Manager



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Special Concurrent City Council and Planning Commission Worksession

**April 8, 2014**

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 6:07 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

*Council Members Present:* Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Pat Elliott; Sue Sandahl; Edwina Garcia; and Tom Fitzhenry.

*Planning Commission Members Present:* Rick Jabs, Chair; Daniel Kitzenberger; Susan Rosenberg; Gordon Vizecky; and Tom Rublein.

*Planning Commission Members Absent:* Josh Root and Charles Standfuss.

*Staff Present:* Steven L. Devich, City Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Melissa Poehlman, City Planner; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney and Cheryl Krumholz, Executive Coordinator.

<b>Item #1</b>	<b>DISCUSSION REGARDING AN EDINA REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AT 6725 YORK AVENUE (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 40)</b>
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Community Development Director Stark explained the redevelopment proposed by Lennar Corporation. The residential portion of this proposed development would abut Xerxes Avenue and be immediately adjacent to seven single-family homes in Richfield.

Mr. Stark reviewed the approvals needed by the Edina Planning Commission and Edina City Council, including Comprehensive Plan amendments and rezoning. He also reviewed the Metropolitan Council approval process for the Comprehensive Plan amendments.

City Planner Poehlman reviewed the issues related to the proposed redevelopment which are either inconsistent with Richfield's Comprehensive Plan, adversely affect Richfield homes and/or are in conflict with Edina's own requirements. These include:

- A height in excess of five stories.
- A building setback of less than 132 feet from existing single-family lot lines.
- Excessive shadow impacts result from both the building height and its minimal setback.

Community Development Director Stark stated the actionable issues related to the proposed redevelopment that the City of Richfield could address includes the building height, building setback and shadow impact.

Mayor Goettel suggested there be a transition in height because six-stories is overbearing.

Council Member Elliott stated that he found the proposed building to be not aesthetically pleasing and was disappointed in the lack of regard for residents on Xerxes Avenue. He stated he desired a joint cooperative effort.

Planning Commission Chair Jabs stated he found the proposed redevelopment hideous for the neighbors and suggested the dog park be removed due to noise concerns and the building height be reduced.

Council Member Sandahl stated that Richfield should be treated the same as Edina for meeting their redevelopment requirements.

The City Council and Planning Commission consensus was for staff to prepare a letter addressed to the City of Edina expressing concerns and suggestions for the proposed redevelopment at 6725 York Avenue, including building height, setback, shadow impacts, elimination of the dog park and concessions for architectural content.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:45 p.m.

Date Approved: April 22, 2014.

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# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Richfield, Minnesota

### Regular Meeting

**April 8, 2014**

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 7:00 p.m.

*Members Present:* Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Sue Sandahl; Pat Elliott; Edwina Garcia; and Tom Fitzhenry.

*Staff Present:* Steven L. Devich, City Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Mike Eastling, Public Works Director; Jim Topitzhofer, Recreation Services Director; Karen Barton, Assistant Community Development Manager; Karen Shragg, Wood Lake Nature Center Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; and Cheryl Krumholz, Executive Coordinator.

#### OPEN FORUM

None.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goettel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Sandahl, S/Garcia to approve the minutes of the (1) Special Concurrent City Council, HRA and Planning Commission Worksession of March 17, 2014; (2) Special City Council Closed Executive Session of March 17, 2014; (3) Special City Council Meeting of March 25, 2014; (4) Special City Council Worksession of March 25, 2014; and (5) Regular City Council Meeting of March 25, 2014.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #1</b>	<b>CHOIR CONCERT PRESENTED BY THE COMBINED STEM/RDLS FIFTH GRADERS</b>
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The concert was presented.

<b>Item #2</b>	<b>PRESENTATIONS FROM VARIOUS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF RICHFIELD:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HEADWAY EMOTIONAL HEALTH – PAT DALE</li><li>• LOAVES AND FISHES – EMILY SCHMITZ</li><li>• COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM – JOLENE THIBEDEAU BOYD</li><li>• VEAP – SCOTT HVIZDOS</li></ul>
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The presentations were made.

<b>Item #3</b>	<b>PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING EARTH DAY/ARBOR MONTH</b>
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Mayor Goettel presented the proclamation to Recreation Services Director Topitzhofer.

Wood Lake Nature Center Manager Shragg made a presentation regarding the nature center.

<b>Item #4</b>	<b>COUNCIL DISCUSSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hats Off to Hometown Hits</li></ul>
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Council Member Garcia announced the April 25 Friends of Wood Lake dinner and silent auction.

Council Member Sandahl announced the April 12 Egg Scramble event at Augsburg Park.

Council Member Sandahl requested the status of organized garbage pickup be provided in the future.

Council Member Sandahl requested the Transportation Commission review the residents' concerns regarding the crosswalk at Lakeshore Drive and 66<sup>th</sup> Street.

Council Member Fitzhenry reported on the Portland Avenue reconstruction open house.

Council Member Fitzhenry provided a Noise Oversight Committee report.

<b>Item #5</b>	<b>COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>
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M/Fitzhenry, S/Elliott to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #6</b>	<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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- A. Consideration of the approval of a resolution authorizing the reprogramming of funds from the 2013 Community Development Block Grant allocation S.R. No. 74

RESOLUTION NO. 10926

**RESOLUTION APPROVING REPROGRAMMING 2013 URBAN HENNEPIN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING  
EXECUTION OF ANY REQUIRED AGREEMENTS WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY**

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10926.

- B. Consideration of the approval of the rejection of all bids submitted for the 69<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Sewer Project S.R. No. 75
- C. Consideration of the approval of hiring Evergreen Land Services Company to provide right-of-way acquisition services for the Portland Avenue Reconstruction Project at a cost not to exceed \$149,400 S.R. No. 76

M/Goettel, S/Fitzhenry to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #7</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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None.

<b>Item #8</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA DNR TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE TAFT LAKE FISHERY PROJECT S.R. NO. 77</b>
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Council Member Fitzhenry presented Staff Report No. 77.

Recreation Services Director Topitzhofer reviewed the proposed improvements.

M/Fitzhenry, S/Sandahl that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10927**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
MINNESOTA DNR TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE TAFT LAKE FISHERY PROJECT**

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10927.

<b>Item #9</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO A CITY ADVISORY COMMISSION S.R. NO. 78</b>
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M/Sandahl, S/ Goettel to appoint the following persons to a City Advisory Commission:

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Joannette Cintron de Nunez	January 31, 2017

## ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH

Name  
Christina Meyer (youth)

Term Expires  
August 31, 2015

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #10</b>	<b>CITY MANAGER'S REPORT</b>
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City Manager Devich provided an update on the 77<sup>th</sup> Street tunnel project.

<b>Item #11</b>	<b>CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS</b>
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M/Fitzhenry, S/Sandahl that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<b>U.S. Bank</b>		<b>04/08/14</b>
A/P Checks: 229968-230329	\$	1,431,956.29
Payroll: 100166-100482	\$	553,612.03
TOTAL	\$	1,985,568.32

Motion carried 5-0.

**OPEN FORUM**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:00 p.m.

Date Approved: April 22, 2014

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